

Reminiscences of A. N. A. Meeting  
 on Slavery - May 1844.

Rev. N. S. Folsom of Haverhill spoke in terms of high eulogy of W. L. Garrison, of his moral integrity, & fidelity to conscience; - said th<sup>t</sup> altho' denounced and scorned now, his name w<sup>o</sup>d. stand high with posterity, as one of the most truly worthy & Christian men of his age; he w<sup>o</sup>d. be honored as a light of th<sup>e</sup> world; &c. &c.

Rev. J. L. Russell of Hingham made a very earnest speech in defence of Antislavery truth, of th<sup>e</sup> character of th<sup>e</sup> Antislavery movement, & in rebuke of th<sup>e</sup> coldness & indifference manifested by Christians & Unitarians, particularly, to the cause.

Mr. Gannett, in a most vehement speech, declared there was no need to go South to find an institution to be attacked when "such a hellish spirit" was here & active in our very midst. [Mr. Garrison was present when this was said; ~~and~~ <sup>it</sup> was clearly aimed at him.]

Mr. Lunt of Quincy was obstreperous & coarse in his applause [stamping violently with his foot] when Mr. Gannett uttered the above. The next day, Mr. Lunt said we ought to preach against Slavery; our people demanded it, & would not be satisfied without it. Then he made a furious attack on the Abolitionists, charging them with aiming to subvert Christianity, & extirpate it from the earth.

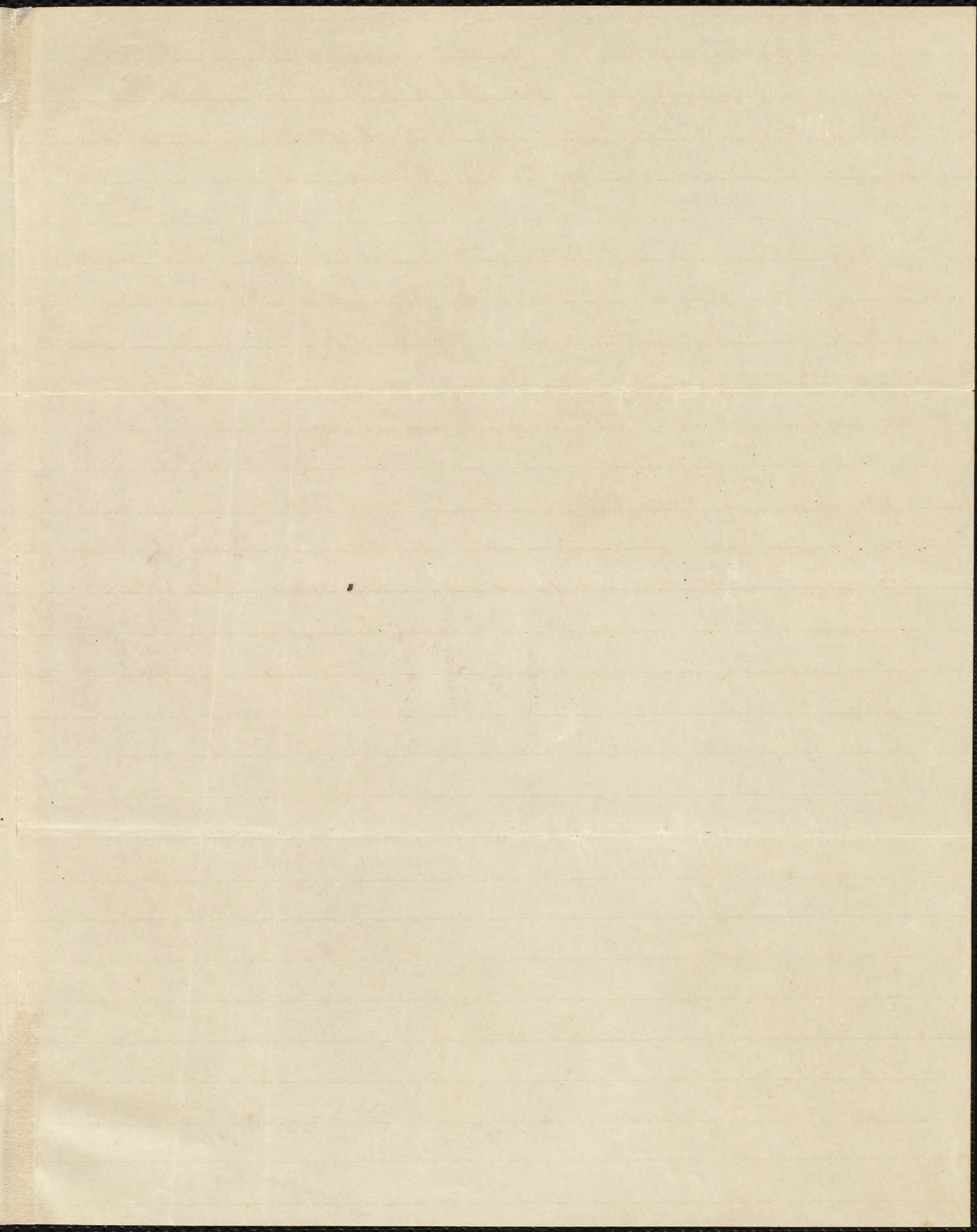


John Prentiss Esq. of Keene spoke against the violent language of measures of the Abolitionists, and tried twice to have a Resolution passed, condemnatory of the same; but it was very promptly rejected.

Rev. S. G. Bulfinch pursued a curious course. The first day he seemed very earnest to have the Association take some Antislavery action. "The South", he said, "would be the better for it." On Friday, he vehemently opposed the adoption of Mr. Phillips's Resolutions.

[Albert Fearing of Boston said to me that Mr. Garrison ought not to have been allowed in the meeting - that it was in keeping with his whole course, to come there to overawe (!) the deliberations of the Association. - Mr. G. is more feared than despised by his bitterest opposers, & reckons.]







Notes of Discussion in  
the annual meeting of the  
American Unitarian Assoc.,  
May, 1844,  
on Slavery.

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belonging to  
S. May Jr.,  
Leicester, Ms.  
To be returned  
to him.